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REMARKS

The interview courteously granted by the Examiner, Mr. Osele, to the undersigned on November 16, 2007 is greatly appreciated.

At the interview, the undersigned showed the Examiner the applicator pad 40 and the hand tool D and the Examiner was encouraged to and did perforate one of the weak areas with the perforating needle D2 of the hand tool.

Claims identical to claims 27 and 30 submitted herewith were shown to the Examiner.

The prior art mentioned in the Interview Summary was discussed. The Examiner did not acknowledge that the tool D is a "hand" tool even though the specification states in paragraph 0045 of the published application that "The perforating tool D can include a handle portion, at one end of which can be centrally mounted a perforating needle D2, as seen in FIGS 2 and 4." The undersigned contended, therefore, that the tool is a hand tool. In any event, the Examiner admitted that "a tool having a handle" is an apt description.

The allowance of claims 8, 9 and 25 was noted.

Claim 1 on file at the time of the interview was discussed.

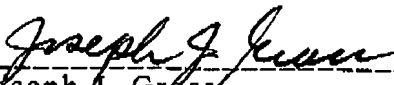
Applicant stands by his position of record with respect to claims 1 through 6, 8 through 15, 17 through 20 and 22 through 26. In short, no prior art of record discloses an applicator surface having spaced perforatable weak locations with can be selectively perforated as defined in claim 1.

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Claims 27 through 31 are respectfully submitted to define patentably over all the applied references. There is a total lack of any teaching of an applicator plate with spaced perforatable weak locations which can be selectively perforated.

The invention, as claimed is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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